

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 334  
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A RESOLUTION To honor and commend Shaurya Chanana upon  
being named a winner in the Safest Kid in  
America contest.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those young persons who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Shaurya Chanana is most assuredly one such remarkable young person who is richly deserving of this Body's commendation; and

WHEREAS, Shaurya won the Safe America Foundation's National Safest Kid in America Contest for the 7-9 year-old age group; and

WHEREAS, The Safe America Foundation, an organization headquartered in Atlanta, works to educate children and adults about the importance of practicing safety; three thousand entries were received nationally for this year's contest, including videos, poems, essays, and Web pages; and

WHEREAS, Safe America President, Len Pagano, has said of the contest winners "All three youths were recognized for their unique safety-motivated projects designed to prevent injuries and make their communities safer places to live"; and

WHEREAS, Shaurya Chanana, a 9-year-old Fourth Grader at Granbery Elementary, was challenged by his teacher, Carol Comer, to enter the national safety contest; and

WHEREAS, Shaurya's winning essay focused extensively on safety inside and outside of the home and school, including an exceptionally informative section on bicycle safety; and

WHEREAS, Shaurya Chanana will receive a multi-media computer and a prize package that includes membership in the Youth Safety Corps, a subscription to Nickelodeon Magazine, and a year's supply of LifeSavers candy as well as other prizes; and

WHEREAS, Shaurya lives in Nashville with his parents, Namrata and Ravi Chanana, and he enjoys working with computers and studying mathematics; and

WHEREAS, Shaurya Chanana epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; he stands as a role model for his peers as well as the citizens of this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, In an age where the youth of our country face great challenges, we can proudly state without equivocation that Shaurya represents all that is good in our young people today; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to recognize Shaurya Chanana as one of the most outstanding young people in our State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Shaurya Chanana upon being named a winner in the Safest Kid in America contest, applaud his thoughtful essay on safety at home and school, and extend to him our heartfelt best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.